

Department of Mental Health
Master Agreement- Jail/Arrest Diversion Program
Statement of Work (SOW)

Procurement: BD-18-1022-DMH08-8210B-21306 **Contract ID:** SCDMH822026088710000

Contractor Name: City of Somerville Police Department, Jennifer Korn, jkorn@somervillema.gov

DMH Sponsor Name: Director of Jail and Arrest Diversion Initiatives: Joanne Barros

Proposed Dates of Service (not to exceed current state fiscal year)

From: 1-Jul-25

To: 30-Jun-26

Cost Estimate

Proposed Hours: N/A

Hourly Rate: N/A

Total (not to exceed) Cost: \$50,000

Scope and Payment

Scope of Engagement

Component Jail/Arrest Diversion Program:

The City of Somerville will use grant funds to continue its police department's jail/arrest diversion program to provide an array of pre-arrest and pre-arraignment diversion from arrest services for Somerville residents that are impacted by behavioral health challenges. The Somerville JDP program is staffed by 1 FTE clinician, although part of their time (0.45 FTE) is supported by another grant. The program provides safe and appropriate assessment, clinical supports, in-depth referrals and follow-up to Somerville residents who have behavioral health and/or addiction challenges who are at risk of arrest and incarceration. The JDP coordinator works synergistically with the COHR (Community Outreach, Help and Recovery) unit. The JDP coordinator works with Somerville officers on scene in non-emergency cases to encourage connection to supports. Staff may also provide supports, de-escalate crisis and work on a follow-up basis as well. Staff may help individuals who are summoned or before the court navigate the justice system and find treatment-based solutions instead of jail. In-state behavioral health-related trainings may be considered for grant support during this contract term, subject to prior approval by DMH. The clinician records appropriate incidents in the JDP database. Collaboration with the Center for Police Training in Crisis Intervention is also expected as part of grant operations as well as attendance at statewide forums related to JDP. DMH funds are subject to initial state and federal fiscal appropriations and any subsequent mid-year budget revisions.

Deliverables and Payment

Grantee completes a Commonwealth Payment Voucher to invoice DMH for payment.


Grantee provides documentation of actual expenses corresponding to line items represented in the Attachment D Budget Sheet. Grantee provides a copy of all training Certificates of Completion.


Grantee provides quarterly report data including:

1. Number of police officers in department
2. Number of behavioral health-related calls per year by the Department
3. Number of behavioral health-related calls per year with a trained CIT officer responding
4. Number of jail diversion program clinician hours received, referrals received, and individuals worked with. Data must be inputted into the JDP database.
5. Number of Jail/Arrest or E.D. diversions made and destination/hand-off party
6. Number of internal and external stakeholder meetings hosted by and or attended by the Somerville PD related to this Jail/Arrest Diversion Program

Invoices for reimbursement for actual expenditures may be submitted at any time within the dates of service of this SOW agreement. Monthly invoicing is preferred when costs are incurred. (Quarterly invoicing may be appropriate in some cases.) Expenses within a fiscal year will be reimbursed by funds authorized for that fiscal year only. Final invoices must be submitted in adherence to the submission deadline established by the Commonwealth.

Signature and Authorization

Contractor	
Authorized Signatory Name:	Katjana Ballantyne, Mayor
Date:	08/29/2025
Signature:	

Department of Mental Health	
Authorized Signatory Name:	Sarah Hough
Date:	09/02/2025
Signature:	



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TO: All FY26 JDP Grant Participants
FROM: Brooke Doyle, Commissioner *Brooke Doyle*
DATE: August 18, 2025
RE: DMH Jail Diversion Grants for FY2026

Greetings Jail Diversion Grantees,

We are reaching out with an update to our June 18, 2025 operational guidance memo.

The final budget signed by Governor Healey in July 2025 appropriated additional funding to the Department of Mental Health for Fiscal Year 2026 to continue vital Jail/Arrest Diversion Grant programs.

We are pleased to inform you that the administration expedited our agency allocation of the new funding which will allow us to offer all grantees who were initially funded short-term awards (75 days) for FY26, amended terms and conditions to provide continued support for the entire fiscal year. Our grant management staff will be reaching out to you shortly to coordinate the contract updates.

We apologize again for any inconvenience grantees may experience because of these extra contracting steps. We appreciate the work of our grantees and are eager to maintain our local community partnerships and our shared goals of supporting safer communities.

As is the case with all state appropriated funding, appropriation levels may still be subject to emergency spending controls if the Commonwealth's overall fiscal conditions cannot be sustained due to unforeseen circumstances, so we pledge to keep you all informed if there are any changes.

We thank you again for your participation and understanding. We value your trusted partnership with us on this important initiative.